

Weekly Views

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They gathered at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, then mounted their motorcycles and rode hard, taking in the beauty of southern Indiana, before stopping at the Golden Corral in Bedford! Assistant Superintendent of Operations Frank Littlejohn organized the ride, but not just for the good food and company. "This is a great way for us to connect even more as a facility and team," he said. Facility 'bikers' also learned more about the Promoting Positive Correctional Culture and the Employee Appreciation Committee with donations accepted after lunch. Littlejohn said he hopes to make the ride a regular event. (photo below)

Since January 2014, 453 pounds of fresh produce consisting of herbs, collard greens, lettuce, green beans, onions, peas and radishes were grown at the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) and donated to the Pendleton Methodist Food Bank for distribution to local residents. Offenders from inside the facility and who reside at the Outside Dormitory (OSD) are instrumental in the daily tending and harvesting of crops from several locations throughout the facility grounds. "The offenders take pride knowing that the crops they grow will offer a healthy alternative to processed foods for those families who need assistance in providing food for their families," stated Superintendent Zatecky.



The Attorney General's 2014 annual summer intern tour was a great success at Putnamville Correctional Facility. IDOC Legislative Services Director Tim Brown was the sponsor for 24 fresh interns from all walks of life. The group was very interested in seeing such aspects as the law library, internal affairs department, the disciplinary restricted housing units, the Prison Greyhound program, as well as stopped to eat a wonderful lunch prepared and served by the culinary arts Department of Labor program! (photo left)



Archbishop Joseph Tobin of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis came to the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) to perform mass and administer confirmation in front of the offender population, volunteers and employees. This is the first Catholic Mass held in the Pam Cline Memorial Chapel since the chapel reopened on June 26, 2013. (photo below)

Correctional Officer Kathi Kirk is moving on, after 18 dedicated years of service at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). Commissioner Bruce Lemmon presented Officer Kirk with a Commissioner's Coin, joining Superintendent Richard Brown and Assistant Superintendent Frank Littlejohn in congratulating Kathi on her well deserved retirement. After receiving a commendation letter, certificate of excellence and service commemoration plaque, along with a retirement quilt, Kathi said, "Thank you all, I have loved this journey; now it's time to explore the next one!"

Fall 2014 CPAFI scholarship applications are now being accepted! New this semester are \$500 scholarships for part-time students. Spring 2014 Scholarship winners include: Thomas Creamer, Parole Agent at Indianapolis Parole District, Commissioner's Scholarship; James Thompson, employee at the South Bend Community Reentry Facility, Public Safety Scholarship; Joseph Townsend, caseworker at the Miami

Correctional Facility, Public Service Scholarship; and Amy Anderson, daughter of Central Office employee; Brittany Duffer, daughter of Rockville Industrial Facility employee; Bridget Elston (photo left), daughter of Madison Correctional Facility employee; Nathaniel Shanklin, step-son of Wabash Valley Correctional Facility employee; Victoria Gregory, daughter of contractual staff (Corizon) at the Putnamville Correctional Facility; Amanda Wright, employee at Plainfield Correctional Facility; Thelma Nornes, employee of contractor (GEO) at the New Castle Correctional Facility; Cheyenne Powers, daughter of employee at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility; Billy Wharton, parole agent at Reentry Parole District 1; and Valerie Herron, daughter of PEN Products employee, Supplies Scholarships. Please contact Isalinas@cpafi.org with questions or to submit an application for the Fall 2014 Scholarships.

